



Children play soccer Wednesday afternoon on the fields at Scray Hill Park. The new park on Scray Hill Road recently opened to the public. **Photos by M.P. King/Press-Gazette**

Fields of play

Scray Hill Park opens with three soccer fields

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LEDGEVIEW — Fun has found a new home — Scray Hill Park.

Four years after the town purchased 17 acres on the south edge of town for future park development, the property is open to the public for the first time.

Children are enjoying three new soccer fields, and town officials hope to add two baseball diamonds later.

“It is a great facility,” said Chris Cichocki, president of De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer. “It’s nice to see so much green space that the kids can play on.”

The new park’s opening on Scray Hill Road follows the town’s development of the 43-acre Ledgeview Park several years ago.

Mark Olsen, chairman of the town’s Park Committee, said providing outdoor recreational opportunities is an important facet of Ledgeview’s quality of life.

“We’re very proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish over the years,” he said.

Ledgeview Park cost about \$2.5 million, with its picnic shelter, playground equipment and other amenities.

Olsen said Scray Hill Park has cost about \$1 million so far, and officials have discussed adding concessions, restrooms and more.

Larry Lueck, president of a



A vehicle drives by Scray Hill Park Wednesday afternoon in Ledgeview.

youth baseball league that serves about 1,000 area kids, said his group hopes to raise funds to contribute toward the estimated \$300,000 cost of adding the baseball diamonds.

Lueck said Ledgeview’s new park would provide badly needed space for baseball in a comfortable setting.

“We have such a great need for fields right now,” he said. “If we could get something done out there, we would definitely do it.”

The De Pere Rapides league contributed about \$300,000 to help pay

for soccer facilities at the new park. The league of 1,300 children now is holding games there several days a week.

Cichocki expressed gratitude to Ledgeview town officials for their commitment to the project.

“We couldn’t have done it alone,” he said.

Olsen said town leaders recognize that establishing top-notch parks in the community is a long-term achievement.

“They’re going to be there for generations,” he said. “We really try to build very quality facilities.”

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